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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN SEASAT-A PROGRAMS

REF: OTTAWA'S A-386, JUNE 30, 1976

1. SUMMARY: EXTAFF AND EM&R SEEKING AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN NASA'S SEASAT PROGRAM. POLICY REQUEST ALREADY APPROVED BY CABINET COMMITTEE. EXTAFF WANTS ASSURANCE THAT GOC STILL CAN PARTICIPATE AS THEY WILL BE REQUESTING FULL CABINET APPROVAL AND FUNDING MOMENTARILY.

2. IN EXTAFF'S 30 APRIL 1976 NOTE (TRANSMITTED TO DEPT. IN REF AIRGRAM), GOC SAID THEY HOPED TO HAVE ANSWER TO NASA'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SEASAT BY SEPTEMBER. THIS WAS DELAYED AND AUTHORITY IS NOW BEING REQUESTED AS CABINET HAS JUST RECONVENED. THE TECHNICAL DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT CANADA WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SEASAT PROGRAM WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN OBTAINING DATA ON SEA ICE, ICEBERGS, OIL POLLUTION, AND SEA STATE. THEY ALSO PLAN TO FUND DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF PART OF GROUND DATA HANDLING EQUIPMENT.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH SCICOUNS ON 21 JANUARY, GEORGE REJHON,
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ECS IN EXTAFF, SAID THEY HEARD A RUMOR THAT BECAUSE OF THE RESOLUTION CAPABILITY OF THE SAR ON SEASAT, THE DOD MAY BE ASKING NASA TO DEPART FROM "OPEN SKIES" POLICY AND EXCLUDE FOREIGN COUNTRIES FROM ACCESS TO DATA. IF TRUE, THIS WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO GOC AS THEY ALREADY HAVE POLICY REQUEST APPROVED BY CABINET COMMITTEE AND SOON WILL BE SEEKING PROGRAM APPROVAL AND FUNDING FROM FULL CABINET. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

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